

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,

Case No. 07-CV-3136 (GEL) (RLE)

Plaintiff,

v.

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A.'S**  
**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

THE COSTANTINO PRESTA IRREVOCABLE  
TRUST; MARK SEELING, EURGENIO  
PRESTA, NICOLA PRESTA, AS TRUSTEES OF  
THE COSTANTINO PRETSA IRREVOCABLE  
TRUST; and HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION,

Defendants.

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Defendant HSBC Bank USA, National Association ("HSBC"), by its counsel, Meredith Friedman, hereby states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC USA, Inc., which is an indirectly wholly owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, a United Kingdom corporation. The shares of HSBC Holdings plc are publicly traded on certain foreign stock exchanges and are traded in the United States as American Depositary Shares on the New York Stock Exchange. No publicly held corporation owns ten percent (10%) or more of HSBC's stock.

Dated: New York, New York  
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HSBC Bank USA, National Association

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